A concentration in accounting can provide you with a variety of employment opportunities. Responsibilities can range from being a strategic member of a new business development team to analyzing and checking financial statements at client sites. The accountant’s role has become key in providing quick, accurate and individually-tailored financial information for companies to remain competitive. Public accounting is a sector of accounting and has a variety of functions (tax, audit, advisory, etc.). Competition is high for the most prestigious jobs in major accounting or business firms. Due to this, firms routinely seek students with skills and experience in analysis, teamwork, leadership, communication, and customer/client service. Firms also often look for strong academic performance.

A concentration in accounting can prepare you for a variety of career paths. In Public Accounting, it is common to acquire a CPA. This certification has multiple requirements, one of which is completing 150 credit hours of education. To learn more about how these credits could fit into your time frame, consider speaking with an Academic Advisor or with Matthew Packard in the Accounting Department at Questrom.

Some students will choose to have a dual concentration or minor in another area. Some of the more popular choices include Finance, MIS, Economics, and Math. Additionally, many students also seek minors outside of Questrom and interest can range based on the area most interested in. For all available minors, please visit the Boston University programs website found here.

For more information on required courses please visit here

POPULAR CAREER PATHS

Many Questrom students choose typical career paths associated with this major. However, some graduates choose unrelated careers that utilize skills and experiences developed during their time in college. Some fields may require further training or study. Below are a small sample of career paths, but is not a comprehensive list of all the options.

Public Accounting
Auditing/Assurance Services
Tax Transaction
Advisory
Forensic/Investigative Accounting

Private Accounting
Financial Management
Internal Auditing
Budget Analysis
Tax Planning
Personal Financial Planning

Government
Auditing
Financial Reporting
(Revenue Agent) Research
**Rotational or Leadership Development Programs**

*EX: Audit Leadership Program*

Rotational and Leadership Development programs are usually 2-3 year training programs that can be valuable for undergraduates to launch into their career. More information about the types of programs and the industries they are available in can be found on the Feld Center’s site [HERE](#).

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**POPULAR EMPLOYERS**

You can use your accounting degree in a number of different industries, below is a list of sample employers that recruit at Questrom and are looking for students who concentrated in accounting:

- Bank of America
- Bloomberg
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- CBIZ / Mahoney Cohen
- Deloitte
- Duff & Phelps
- Ernst & Young
- Feeley & Driscoll
- Fidelity Investments
- Grant Thornton
- HSBC
- IRS
- John Hancock Financial Services
- KPMG
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Rothstein & Kass
- Santander
- State Street Corporation
- TD Ameritrade
- Vitale, Caturano & Co.
- Walter & Shuffain

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**INTERNSHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES**

The best place to connect to fine Questrom and BU wide internship and job postings is through [Handshake](#). Please visit the site, and if you need assistance with your search strategy, please make an appointment with a Career Advisor on Handshake or by calling the UDC at 617-353-2650!

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**RESOURCES**

- [Wetfeet Guides](#)
- [Vault](#)
- [Pardee Library](#)

*Accounting Specific Web Resources:*


**NEXT STEPS**

**Questrom/BU Clubs:** Joining clubs is a great way to gain experience and build your professional network. Below are specific club(s) within Questrom for those interested in Accounting. For a complete list of business specific Questrom Clubs, please visit [here](#) and for a list of BU wide clubs that offer organizations across larger interest areas ranging from health to nonprofits, please visit [here](#).

**Accounting Association** – Email their contact or visit their Facebook page for more information.

**Faculty Concentration Liaison:** Matthew Packard

**Professional Associations:** Professional Associations exist on the regional and national level. They host national conferences discussing relevant topics, networking events and training and professional development opportunities. If you are interested in careers in accounting here are some professional associations, you may want to consider joining:

- American Institute of CPAs [http://www.aicpa.org/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.aicpa.org/Pages/default.aspx)
- Massachusetts Society of CPAs [https://www.mscpaonline.org/](https://www.mscpaonline.org/)
- Institute of Internal Auditors [https://na.theiia.org/Pages/IIAHome.aspx](https://na.theiia.org/Pages/IIAHome.aspx)

**LinkedIn Groups:** LinkedIn is a crucial part of anyone’s job search and networking strategy, and one of the most underutilized pieces are groups. On LinkedIn groups you can develop more targeted networks on various criteria including location, industry, function and more! Below is a list of sample LinkedIn groups accounting concentrators may want to consider, for more assistance on using this feature please make an appointment with a UDC Career Advisor at bu.joinhandshake.com:

- Accounting and Finance Professionals (AaFP)
- Big Four Accounting Consulting
- Jobs for Accountants
- Business Control